

ALLENDALE ELEMENTARY PTO NEWSLETTER

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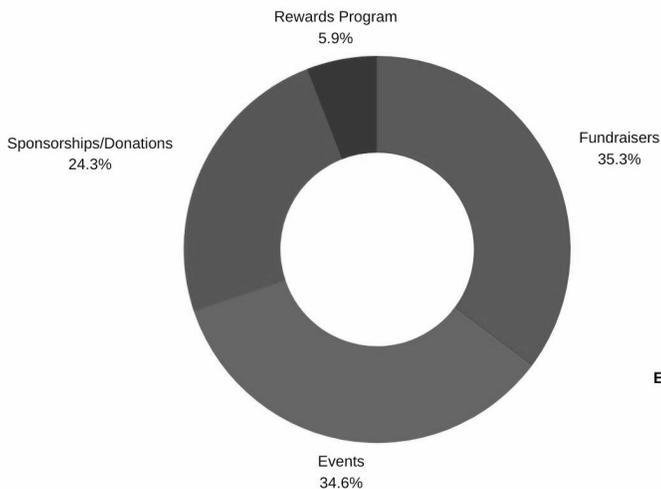
2020; it's been a year hasn't it? That's why I'm so excited for "back to school" season and the new school year. It's my first year as your Allendale Elementary PTO President, and although this year will look a bit different, I am determined to make it the best I can. I feel I have been training for this position much of my life; I love working with our students and schools. I spent much of my professional career in non-profit fundraising and sales, and to top it off, my mom was a PTO president! If I grow up to be just like her, I'll be happy.

I know heading into this year, we as parents have tried to have minimal expectations, but I believe we have an opportunity to be surprised by how we can come together. While planning this year, our PTO board loved the idea that we as parents could connect with one another and that in the future these connections will make us better parents. As a PTO, we will be more active on our website and Facebook, transparent with what we spend our dollars on and will let you know ahead of time what fundraisers we are planning. Here's to a great school year!

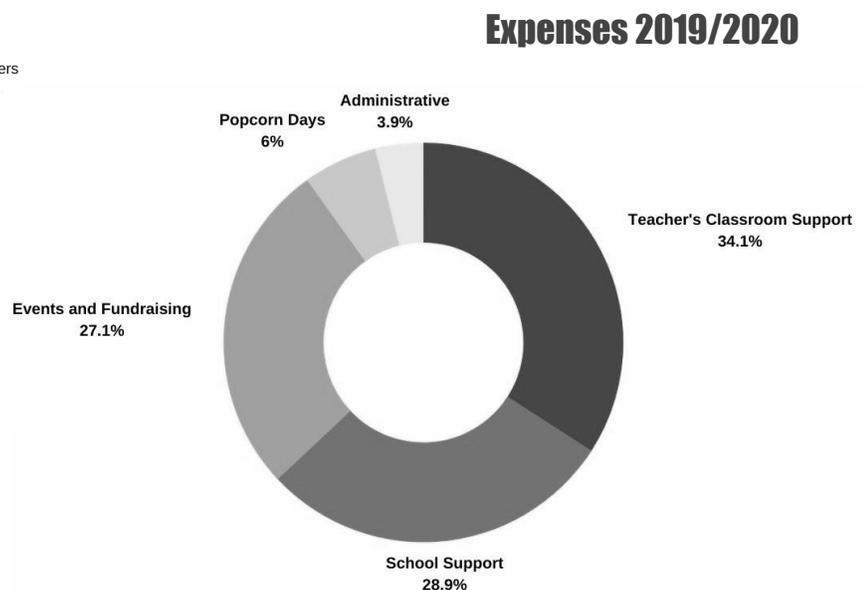
-Kyle Stelmach
Gus and Davy's Mom & PTO President

2020-2020 PTO Financial Update

As a PTO are dedicated to continuing to offer each classroom teacher \$100 for supplies (books, bulletin boards, furniture..) We have budgeted resources to fulfill fieldtrip sponsorships, special projects and other events as requested by school staff. OUR COMMUNITY ROCKS! We recently posted to our Facebook page, Allendale Informed and other community pages a need for money that would go directly to filling the snack pantries at all three elementary schools. Within 24 hours we raised over \$1000 and were able to fill all three pantries for students in need.



Revenue 2019/2020
\$13,600



Let's stay connected!

WEBSITE www.allendaleelementarypto.org
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Donate to us directly?

Send a Check to Allendale Elementary PTO with your student
Our Venmo ID is: @allendaleelementarypto
<https://www.allendaleelementarypto.org/donate>

2020-2021 PTO CALENDAR

This year we are switching up how our PTO raises funds. After seeing a decline in funds coming from our Fall Fitness Fest we have decided to cancel this year's event and dedicate our efforts with two new fundraisers; The Poppin Popcorn/ Goodies Factory Sale in November and the Reading Challenge Fundraiser in March. Our neighbors over in Coopersville have done the popcorn fundraiser for a few years and have nothing but amazing things to say about it! When choosing this sale, many of our teachers were excited to work with our students on making a 'sale', we hope you will feel the same. Last year, we tested the March Reading Challenge and Fundraiser at the AECC and it went amazing, even though we entered quarantine before we could even finish. We're excited about all of our fundraising efforts for the year at Allendale Early Childhood Center, Evergreen Elementary and Oakwood Intermediate.

FOR THE 2020-2021 School Year we have opted to not host bi-monthly meetings. Instead we will produce monthly newsletters for all parents and teachers reviewing recent fundraisers, events and spending.

September - Allendale Spirit Wear Sales - Flyers will be coming out soon to purchase Allendale Falcons Gear! This is a great time to prepare for school spirit days or to purchase early for the holiday season.

November 13-30 - Poppin Popcorn / The Goodies Factory Sale - Our inaugural year having our students sell popcorn to their family and friends! Each item sold will bring in \$\$ for our elementary schools. (We are looking into going 100% online to help with social distancing)

February 6 - Sweetheart Dance - Dad, uncle, brother, grandpa, anyone special... take your sweetheart out for an evening of DANCING and FUN! (We will figure something out if we need to social distance)

March 8-21- Reading Challenge and Fundraiser - Read 2 books per day with your child for 2 weeks (Likely something you are already doing) and ask friends/family members to sponsor your child's reading. You can ask for a donation based on the total number of books you read or for a flat donation.

March 13 - Shamrock Glow Party - Mom, aunt, sister, grandma, anyone special... take your little guy out for an evening of FUN! (We will figure something out if we need to social distance)

YOU can help without spending a dime!



Send your Family Fare Receipts in with your student! Through the Family Fare Direct Your Dollars program, we can earn \$1,000 simply by collecting \$150,000 in eligible receipts.



Box Tops still exist, they have just gone to a digital-only format (although you might occasionally see one to clip). All you will need is your phone now! Just download Box Tops for Education app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each and we are sent a check twice a year based on our earnings.



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